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## **CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HASTINGS.**

**PAUL MARLETTE, EARLSCOURT, 1 JUNE 1933.**

### **Hastings. Fannin.**

"Fannin's place at Hastings was just across the bridge; just west of the bridge; the office where the C.P.R. were, Mr. Cambie and the draughtsman, including myself, was just above; this square shaped part of the road by the easterly old float was an adjunct to the float. The wharf between Black's hotel the" (barn) "T-shaped wharf, was a pile wharf; the float in the east was between protection piles. Mr. Cambie's residence was away to the southwest, in the trees."

### **George Black. Brighton Hotel.**

"Black's Brighton Hotel was partly over the water—at least when the tide was in it probably was. West of the hotel, on the same side, was the barn; to the east on the point, these two little squares, also shown in the map of 1869 were, in my time, used as summer campers' cottages; the Chinese, there were a lot of Chinese around, were over to the west quite a piece, near a little creek; a whole row of shacks ran up in the bushes. The private float by the hotel was for boats."

**JAMES MCWHINNIE, WENT TO MOODYVILLE IN 1878.**

"Geo. Black did not start at Hastings; he started at Granville and afterwards took over the hotel at Hastings." (See John and Hugh Murray.)

**GEO. R. GORDON.**

"They called George Black, the 'Laird of Hastings.' He had one daughter, who married a lawyer named Magee or McGee; he committed suicide in Tisdall's gun store. She was educated in Portland, where she went after she became a widow. I understand she is dead."

**G.F. UPHAM, MELVILLE STREET (1121), AND HOWE STREET LIQUOR STORE, 2 JUNE 1933.**

### **Great Fire.**

"When the fire came raging down on us" (13 June 1886) "I loaded on my wagon all the goods I could get and drove off to Hastings; we were so heavily loaded, and had so much stuff on, that two men on each side of the wagon crossed hands across it and in that way kept the goods from falling off. When I got to Hastings I unloaded them into the warehouse, also used as telephone office.

"As soon as I was unloaded, ? came to me and said, 'Here's twenty men to go to New Westminster; they will pay you \$2 apiece.' I replied I was not equipped to take them; had no seats. He said, 'Never mind, you hitch up, and I'll find seats' and he went off to get some boards. It looked like \$40, so I got busy. They all piled in and I drove off. I sat on the driver's seat with ? beside me, and we got deeply interested in talking and I forgot about my 'cargo,' but when we got to the bottom of the hill at New Westminster, I looked around, and to my great surprise, the wagon was empty. They had all dropped off, one by one, as we came down the hill, and slipped into the bushes. It was no use to turn back, so I just drove into the stable at Westminster."

**MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH MISS LOTTIE SHEEHAN, 1371 SEYMOUR STREET (FORMERLY 1329 SEYMOUR STREET), VANCOUVER, 10 FEBRUARY 1934.**

Miss Sheehan is an only child of Daniel W. Sheehan, a close friend of the Onderdonk family, and formerly of Yale, B.C.

**YALETOWN. DANIEL W. SHEEHAN.**

"Yes, this house" (1371 Seymour Street) "came down from Yale, but I don't think the house came down on a flat car; I think they just pulled the house at Yale down, and brought the lumber down and erected it here again in what was then called Yaletown. Father and I have lived here of recent years; he died 27<sup>th</sup> March 1932. He was born at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, I think, and in 1879 moved from there to Victoria where he stayed for a year, and about 1880 went to work for Onderdonk at Yale. He came to Vancouver in 1886, before the fire, but left again, and came from Yale in 1887 to work in the C.P.R. shops here. My mother was Miss Delia McGuire, born in New York, and married Father in Victoria about